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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: AIM-9 SIDEWINDER

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B. KUWAIT 3559 DTG 250847Z AUG74

C. KUWAIT 3571 DTG 251221Z AUG74

1. IN VIEW OF RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO
DISSAPPROVE SALE OF SIDEWINDER TO GOK EMBASSY PRO-
VIDES FOLLOWING AUDIT TRAIL (FROM EMBASSY FILES)
OF SEQUENCE OF EVENTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER.

2. 20 JUNE 1972. DOD NATIONAL MILITARY INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE POLICY COMMITTEE RECORD OF ACTION I-8299/72
RA-038/72 OF JUNE 20, 1972, AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF
CLASSIFIED INFO ON SIDEWINDER (AIM-9E) IN CONNECTION
WITH THE POSSIBLE SALE TO KUWAIT.

3. 30 JULY 1973. USN FMS CASE KU-AL

-P3 FOR 100

AIM-9G SIDEWINDERS OFFERED TO GOK. THIS CASE WAS
NOT ACCEPTED DUE GOK DECISION NOT TO PROCURE F8
AIRCRAFT.

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4. 24 AUG 1974. GOK REQUESTED LETTER OF OFFER FOR 36 A4 AIRCRAFT AFTER BRIEFINGS BY USN TEAM -- SEE REFTEL B AND C. AS PART OF OVERALL PACKAGE GOK DESIRED MUNITIONS FOR USE WITH THE A4 AIRCRAFT IN QUANTITY SUFFICIENT FOR ONE WEEK MAXIMUM EFFORT WARTIME OPERATIONS. A DETAILED LIST OF ORDNANCE WAS TO BE DEVELOPED BY USN TO BECOME BASIS OF LETTER OF OFFER.

5. 4 OCT 1974. EMBPESY NOTIFIED BY CNO ENDORSEMENT SER 632C/6788 OF 4 OCT 74 ON COMMANDER NAVAL AIR SYSTEM COMMAND LETTER APC-237-4 OF 24 SEP 74 THAT "AIM-9E IS CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED FOR GOK". THIS INFO WAS PASSED TO GOK.

6. 30 OCT 74. DEFINITIZED LIST OF ORDNANCE DEVELOPED BY USN TEAM IN KUWAIT FOR FINAL NEGOTIATION OF A4 LETTER OF OFFER (CASE SAE-P4) IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOK AUTHORITIES. SIGNED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING LEFT WITH KUWAIT AIR FORCE BY USN TEAM CHIEF.

7. 02 SEP 75. CNO LETTER 632C/C172344 OF 2 SEP 74 FORWARDED DRAFT OF FMS CASE SAG-P5 FOR AIM-9H. THIS DRAFT NOT PROVIDED TO GOK.

8. BELIEVE THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MODELS CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY WHAT WAS/IS CURRENT PRODUCTION. STOLTZFUS

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